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\$14,786,428!!!

Despite a decline in Federal population among the 21 CFC's (Combined Federal Campaigns) in the Greater L.A. FEB territory (Arizona and the southern halves of California and Nevada), 3% more in contributions was collected! Because expenses were reduced, net donations, i.e., the amount going to charities after expenses, increased by 4%! Federal employee caring cannot be disputed: one third of the total Federal population, 119,171 donors, gave \$14,786,428. Per capita gift (total contributions/total Federal population) increased from \$40 to \$41 and average gift (total contributions/number of donors) rose from \$112 to \$124.

Thanks to the efforts of those of you who supported CFC through leadership and donations, twelve CFC's increased total contributions; nine raised participation percentages, 14 upped per capita gifts; and 19 boosted average gifts.

The **San Diego County** CFC collected \$5,520,000, 37% of the regional total. The **Greater Los Angeles** CFC received \$3,800,000, 25% of the regional total. The other four CFC's in the five-county Greater L.A. area achieved these results: **Ventura County** \$624,192; **Orange County** \$644,624; **San Bernardino Area** \$335,917; **Western Riverside Area** \$232,068. These six CFC's collected 75% of the regional total.

We hope Federal leaders meet the biggest challenge ahead: counteract declining participation percentages (a trend of many years). Since the CFC is highly visible in our communities, maximizing participation and donations and publicizing results may create a more positive Federal image and combat negative media coverage.

26th Distinguished Public Service Awards May 5, 1999 Long Beach

A Century of Service - the Past 100 Years was the theme of this memorable event, otherwise known as the Fed Academy Awards and enjoyed by over 500 participants. **Steward Liff**, FEB Chair and *VA* Regional Director, spoke and *IRS* Assistant District Director, **Richard Morgante**, officiated. Nominees totaled 413, compared to 47 in 1974 when this event began. Winners of the 11 awards are **Robert Graham**, *L.A. Air Force Base*, Partnership Award; **M. Sgt. Michael Berry**, *March Air Reserve Base*, Leadership Award; **Dorothy Chapman**, *VA Regional Office*, & **1st Lt. Brad Garey**, *L.A. Air Force Base*, Outstanding Accomplishment Award-Individual; **Imaging Team**, *Bankruptcy Court, L.A.*, Outstanding Accomplishment Award-Team; **Jerome Hershman, M.D.**, *VA Greater L.A. Healthcare System (VAGLAHS)*, Outstanding Accomplishment Award-Scientific & Technical; **Akiko Iida-Klein, Ph.D.**, *VAGLAHS*, Self-Development Award; **Robert Henson, Sr.**, *DCMDW, Santa Ana*, Community Service Award; **Capt. Jason Aguayo**, *Vandenberg AFB*, Heroism Award; **Anna Morales**, *Customs Service, Long Beach*, Distinguished Public Service Career Award; **Bankruptcy Court, L.A.**, CFC Outstanding Achievement-Federal Agency (63% participation *versus* 42% in the Greater L.A. CFC & 33% in our region); **Robert Mandgie**, Assistant District Director, *INS, Laguna Niguel*, CFC Outstanding Achievement-Individual.

Government Awareness Fair 5-15-99

while feds celebrated in long beach, L.A. was not idle. **George Klemic**, *IRS* Acting assistant Director, opened this fair whose theme was **the other side of government**. The *FEB* partnered with *SBA*, *HUD*, *Customs*, *IRS*, *FDA*, *Census Bureau*, *VA*, *Job corps*, senator feinstein's office, state of California edd, city of L.A., chicana service action center, and the computers for schools program to sponsor this event for public service recognition week.

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S i m p s o n Legacy



The death of Nicole Brown Simpson and the 1995 O. J. Simpson trial brought domestic violence out of the closet. Since then, we have become more aware of the financial and safety impacts of this problem beyond the home in the workplace. The cost to business of increased health premiums, lower productivity, and absenteeism is estimated at \$3 - \$5 billion. With 17% of workplace homicide victims women killed by an intimate male partner, domestic violence affects workplace safety.

In an effort to raise awareness about domestic violence & its workplace impact, **Cathy Trent**, Import Specialist & Federal Women's Program Manager, Customs Service, Port of L.A., coordinated a two-hour program for Women's History Month. The 1736 Family Crisis Center, a battered women's shelter, presented the **History of the Battered Women's Movement, the Cycle of Violence, & Violence in Teen Dating Relationships**. The FEB discussed the **Impact of Domestic Violence on the Workplace**. The L.A. County District Attorney's Office, Victim-Witness Assistance Program, spoke on **Prosecuting Domestic Violence Cases & Temporary Restraining Orders**.



The 1736 Family Crisis Center & the Long Beach Womenshelter staffed information booths. Handouts were available for those unable to attend. Cathy's telephone number is 310 514 6972.



Partnering

Light is the task when many share the toil.
Homer - *Iliad*

United States Postal Service (USPS) is working with the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) & 3M Corporation, to increase the diversity and number of fully typed volunteers on the NMDP Registry. The *USPS* goal is **Delivering the Gift of Life** by recruiting 8,000 *USPS* employees nationwide for the Registry. For NMDP info, call 1-800-MARROW-2 or access <http://www.marrow.org>.

The *Small Business Administration (SBA)* partnered with the L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce & the L.A. Times to celebrate Small Business Week May 23-29 (Theme: Small Business...A History of Success, A Millennium of Opportunity) & to present 11 awards June 4 in L.A.

The *U.S. Bureau of Reclamation* has been partnering with the Central Basin Service Area Cities in southeast L.A. County & providing financial support to promote more efficient water use, including recycled water, in Southern California.

Your Inquiring Reporter: As a volunteer, what do you do?

No matter what your interests, there is a volunteer opportunity for you. Some of the members of the Federal Volunteer Corps (FVC) shared their activities hoping to inspire more of you to volunteer.

Debra Kakallis, *Customs Service*: At the Casa Youth Shelter, "I cook meals for 12 residents & 6 staff about once per month." At Light & Life Christian Fellowship Recovery, "I teach a recovery class weekly."

James Small, *National Labor Relations Board*: "I ride a Harley. At Christmas time, I frequently attend motorcycle events known as Toy Runs, organized rides where bikers get together & load their bikes with toys and deliver them to disadvantaged kids."

Sgt. Ford, *Marine Corps*, works with the Young Marines, to promote their mental, physical, & morale development: "We have been doing this for the last 3 years with kids 8 to 18 for 2 weekends out of every month. Our selection process begins in October, for individuals who have children in the required age groups."

William Reed, *Department of Labor, Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs*, coordinated this project: "During the 1998 Holiday Season, all of the L.A. Office staff graciously participated in the donation of clothing, food, & toys for individuals & families living in temporary housing facilities made available by a CFC agency, Shelter First, in downtown L.A."

Stanford Redisch, *IRS*, volunteers for the Sacramento Traditional Jazz Society & the Sweet & Hot Music Foundation: "I have fun. I teach about musicians & Americans. I associate with people & build one world through Dixieland Jazz."

Antonio Asejo, *IRS*: "This is my 3rd year helping in the electronic filing of Forms 1040. Every Saturday I go to the VITA site in Sylmar where low income taxpayers file their income tax returns."

Brian Sisk, *IRS*: "I have done volunteer work coordinated by L.A. Works, such as Habitat for Humanity, where I have been involved for the past 1 ½ years helping build 9 houses in Panorama City."

John Nordin II, *US Attorney, Asst. Chief, Civil Division*: "I feel an obligation to perform some service to the law school where I received my legal training, largely at public expense...I am active in the Hastings' (Law School) Mentoring Program in which I meet with students & recent graduates to provide assistance."

Lost Tax Breaks

A UCLA study shows that only 48% of eligible L.A. taxpayers are claiming the EITC (Earned Income Tax Credit), resulting in an estimated \$200 million loss in L.A. County. The goal of the EITC Campaign Partnership is to raise awareness & EITC participation to at least 65% by the year 2000 among taxpayers with valid Social Security Numbers & less than \$30,000 annual earned income. Call the EITC Hotline at 800 601 5552 for details.

The long roster of partners meeting monthly includes *IRS*, who provided the project coordinator, **Deborah Guajardo**; *FEB*; *Social Security Administration*; City & County of L.A.; State of CA E.D.D.; UCLA; United Way of Greater L.A.; Greater L.A. Chamber of Commerce; The Welfare to Work Leadership; Valley Economic Development Corporation; Catholic Charities; L.A. Unified School District; YMCA; Good News L.A. newspaper; & Neighborhood Legal Services.

Differently Able



People with disabilities provide custodial services at GSA buildings across the country, under the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Program (JWOD). The 1998 poll of tenants in these buildings indicated an overall 83% satisfaction level with JWOD workers (288 buildings), compared to 82% for Fed cleaners (14 buildings), and 80% for custodians provided by commercial contractors (288 buildings). JWOD programs scored higher than commercial businesses in 34 states or 68% of the time. The January 1999 News-At-A-Glance noted a 71% unemployment rate for people with disabilities and the desire of 72% of this group to be employed. The JWOD program provides the best value to Federal customers while addressing the high unemployment rate of people with disabilities.

Goodwill Industries of Southern California recently held its 2nd Annual Celebration of Hope, Jobs & Futures, with FEB's Executive Director, Kathrene Hansen, a Committee Volunteer.

KUDOS

To the *Border Patrol* on its 75th anniversary! At one celebration, Sector Assistant Chief Patrol Agent **Harry Beall** delivered remarks while standing next to a small statue of a brown bear dressed in a green Border Patrol agent's uniform, "The Patrol (has) an *esprit de corps* matched by very few." The Patrol prevents people from entering the US illegally, combats immigrant smuggling, & routinely helps local police, e.g., during the 1992 L.A. riots.

To the Reserve Officers Association Outstanding Warrant Officer of the Year in the US, **Farrell Chiles**, FEB 1999 Leadership Associate & Chief, Human Resources Division, *Army 63d Regional Support Command*, Los Alamitos

To US VA Chaplain of the year, **Father Gerald McNulty**, Chief, Chaplain Service, *VA Medical Center, Las Vegas*

To GSA's Missing Child Alert Program for helping recover 73 of 107 children whose photos were posted in Federal buildings. This recovery rate is nearly 5 times the average for photo distribution efforts.

To VA Greater L.A. Healthcare System for receiving praise from the Alzheimer's Disease Association for expertise in treating geriatric disorders & from the L.A. Times for its new policy of universal access by all veterans. For toll-free eligibility information, call 877 222 vets.

Remembering in May

May 10: Agents who have died in the line of duty were honored in Westwood at the 13th Annual *FB/Special Agents Memorial Service*. Motion Picture Association of America CEO Jack Valenti spoke at the Service.



May 31: At the *L.A. National Cemetery* in West L.A., **Retired Air Force Brigadier General Wilma Vaught**, a highly decorated veteran, told the audience of 1000 honoring America's war dead, "I hope you see me as not just me standing before you but as the over 11 million living women veterans & the more than 350,000 women serving on active duty...as well as the millions & millions of men who served, because we serve together."



May 31: At *Seal Beach Naval Weapons Station*, "Tolling the Boats" occurred with a bell rung for each of the 52 World War II submarines lost & the fate of the ship men, announced. Wives and widows silently dropped carnations in the reflecting pool.

To the Local Federal Bar Association Medal of Valor recipient **ATF Special Agent (SA) Darrin Kozlowski** & Distinguished Achievement Award winners: SA **Thomas Beckman**, *ATF*; SA **George Elliot**, *DEA*; SA **Kevin Miles**, *FBI*; SA **Louis Rodi, III**, *INS*; SA **Lucy Cruz**, *IRS*; Senior SA's **David Vankirk** & **Steven Lovett**, *Customs*;

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Supervisory Deputy **Arthur Banks**, *US Marshals Service*; Postal Inspector **Joseph taranto**, *US Postal Inspection Service*; & SA **Jean Mitchell**, *Secret Service*.